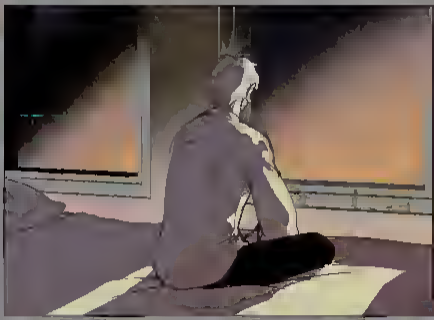
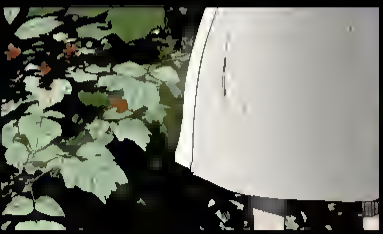
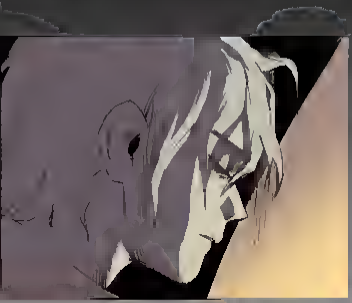


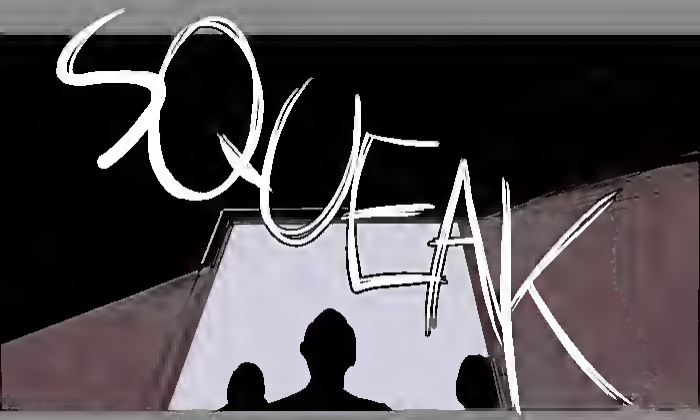
IT HAS BEEN SO LONG SINCE I LOOKED DOWN AT THIS PLACE...

ARES HASN'T LEFT THIS PLACE IN SUCH A LONG TIME.

WAS IT TO PROTECT ME
WHILE I WAS ASLEEP?



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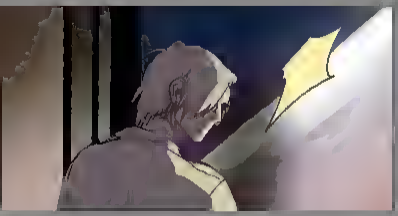

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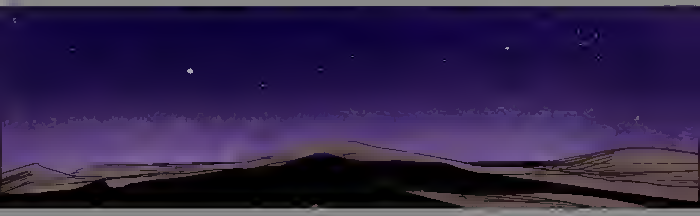

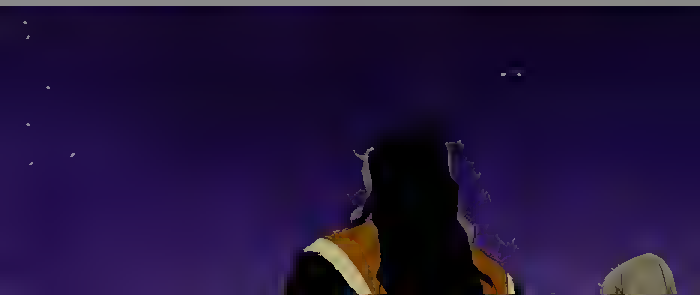

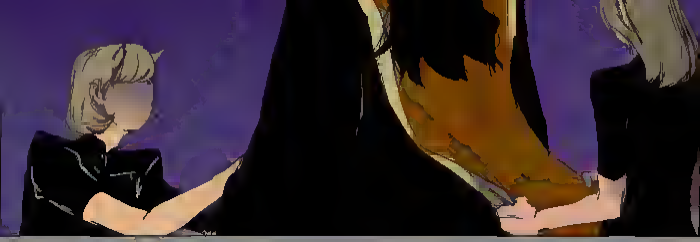

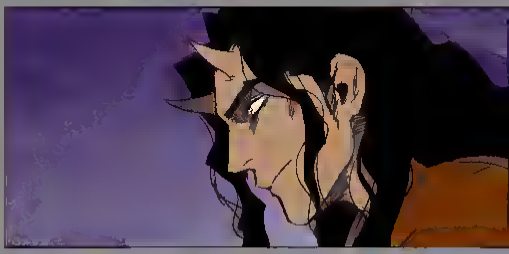

VROOOM

ROOOM
ARES.
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.

I GOT A STRANGE MARK HERE.
IT LOOKS LIKE A WOUND BUT IT WON'T HEAL.
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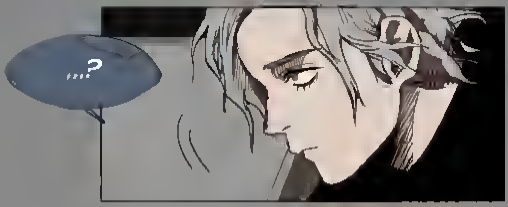

LORD LESSA.

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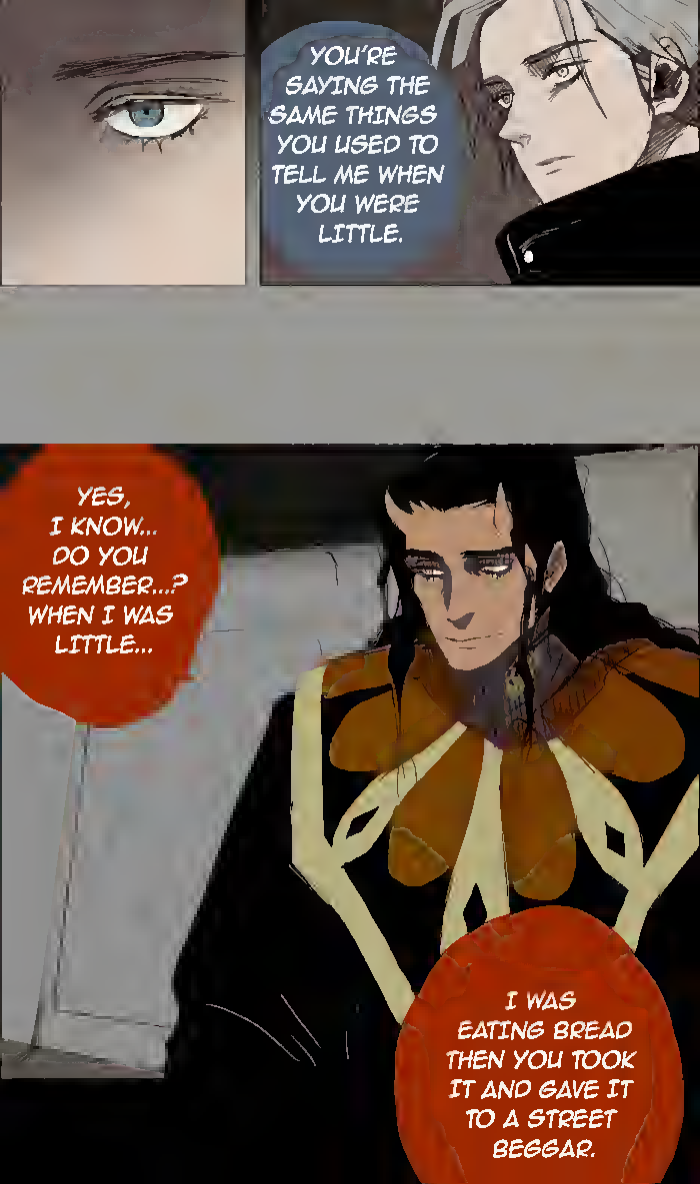
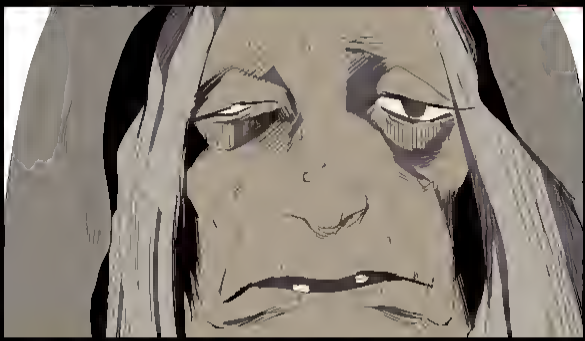
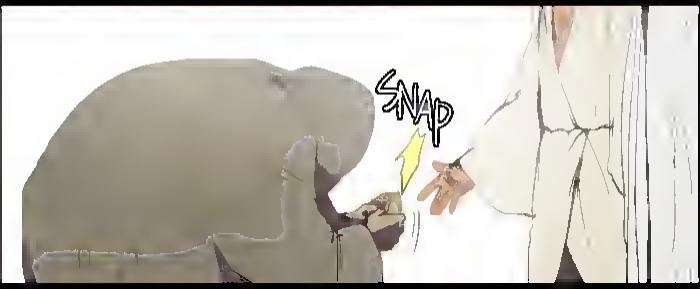
WHY WERE SO YOU SO HARSH ON ME?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ABOUT EVERY -THING.

THE MONEY...
THE CLOTHES, SLEEPING AND RESTING...
EVEN FOOD...

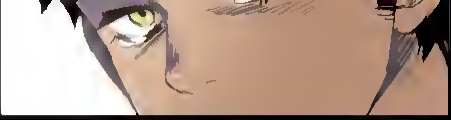

YOU'RE SAYING THE SAME THINGS YOU USED TO TELL ME WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE.
YES, I KNOW... DO YOU REMEMBER...? WHEN I WAS LITTLE...
I WAS EATING BREAD THEN YOU TOOK IT AND GAVE IT TO A STREET BEGGAR.

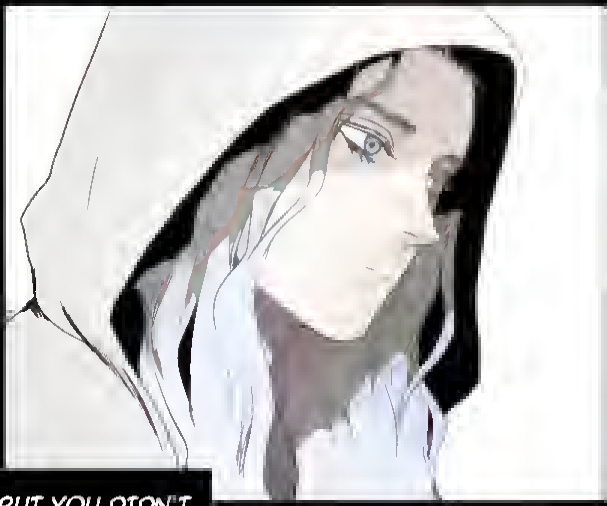


I EARNED THAT BREAD THROUGH HARD WORK, MYSELF.


SNAP

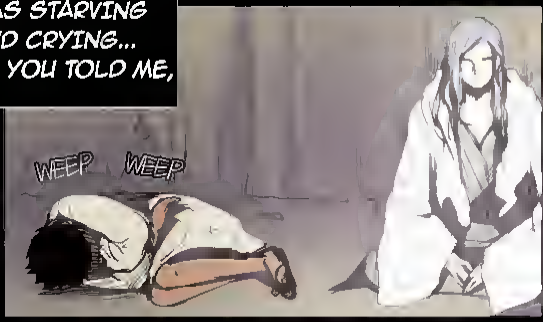
BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D COMPLIMENT ME...





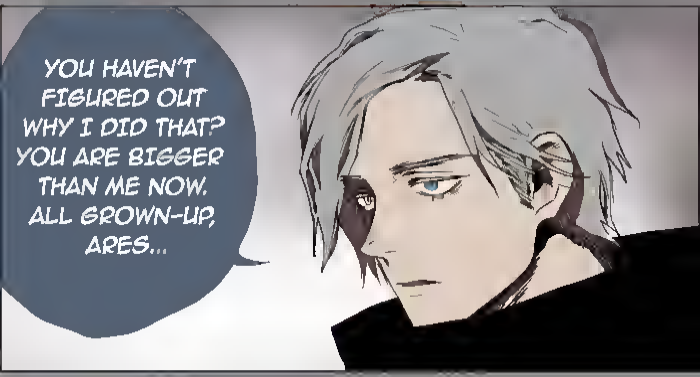
BUT YOU DIDN'T EVEN LOOK AT ME.

THAT VERY NIGHT, I WAS STARVING AND CRYING... THEN, YOU TOLD ME,



THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID.

YES,
I DID.
WELL, YOU DIDN'T STARVE TO DEATH, DID YOU?


YOU HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT WHY I DID THAT? YOU ARE BIGGER THAN ME NOW. ALL GROWN-UP, ARES...

SURE, OF COURSE I KNOW.
BUT WHY DON'T I FEEL ANY BETTER TILL THIS VERY DAY?
ARES, DON'T FOCUS ON THE SMALL THINGS. I HAVE GIVEN YOU EVERYTHING...
TIGHT

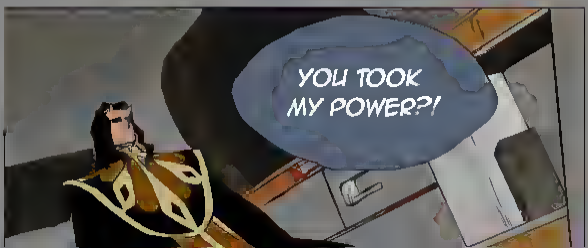
I ALSO GAVE YOU THINGS THAT I SHOULDN'T HAVE GIVEN YOU
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU STILL WANT?
NO...
SMIRK
THERE'S NOTHING.

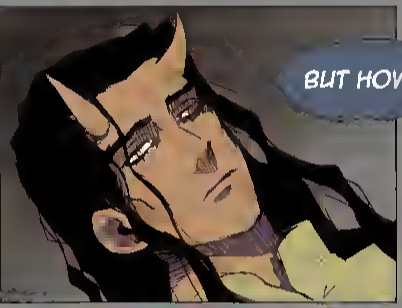
BECAUSE NOW...
YOU LITERALLY GAVE ME "EVERY-THING".

EVERY-THING"?

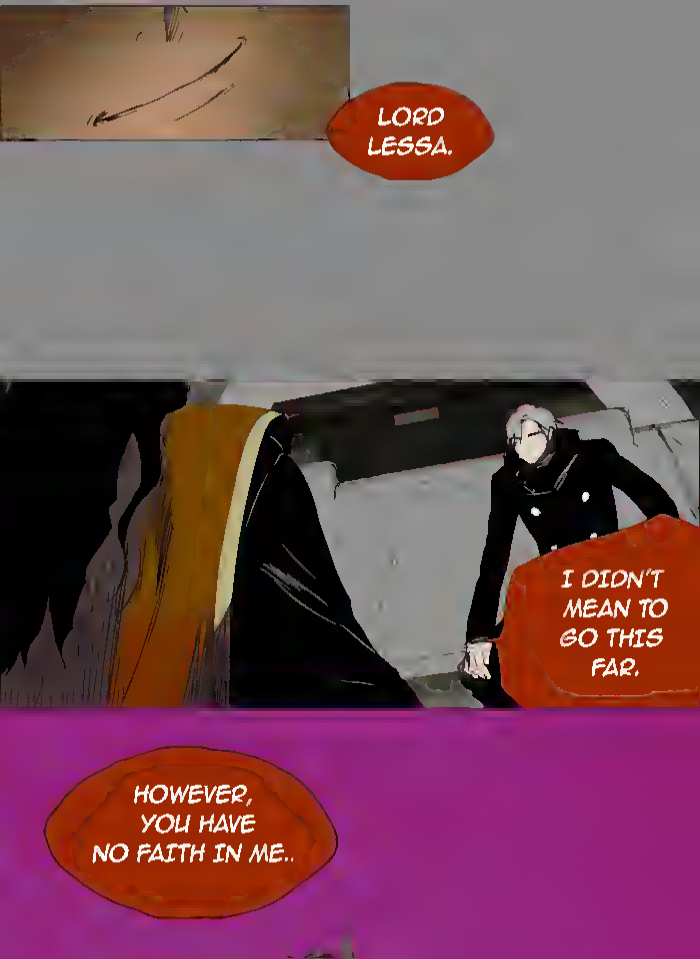
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ME...?

THAT'S WHY THIS WOUND WON'T HEAL...?





HOW DID YOU...?


LORD LESSA.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO GO THIS FAR.
HOWEVER, YOU HAVE NO FAITH IN ME..

KKOOH
YOU BROUGHT THIS UPON YOURSELF.

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DA

MY BELOVED BELIEVERS.

THE "GOD OF DARKNESS" HAS ABANDONED HIS BODY..

AND NOW!
IT HAS
COME TO ME,
ARES!!

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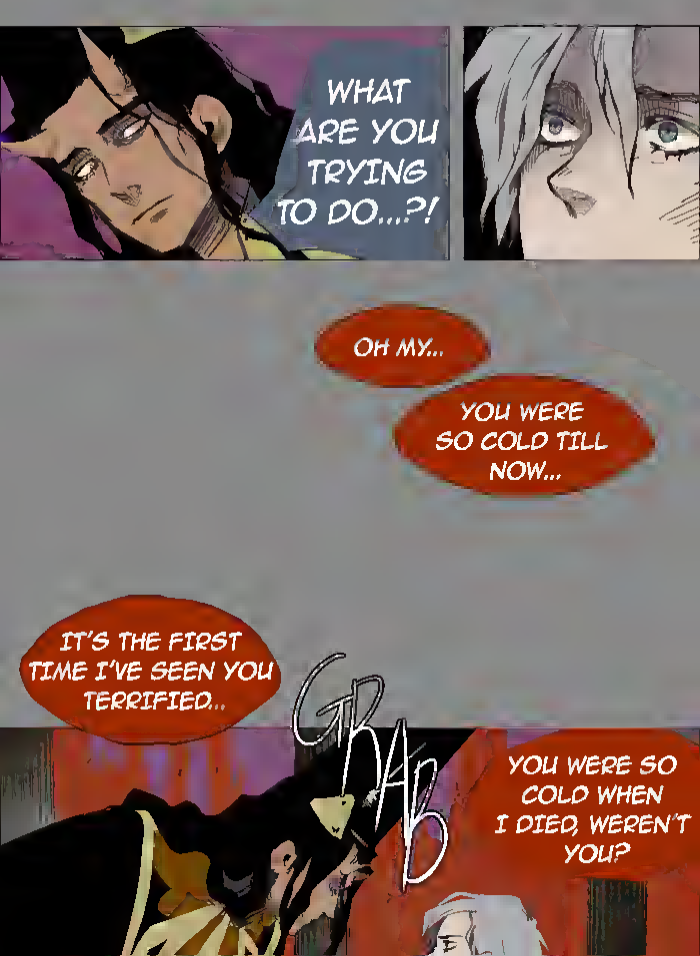
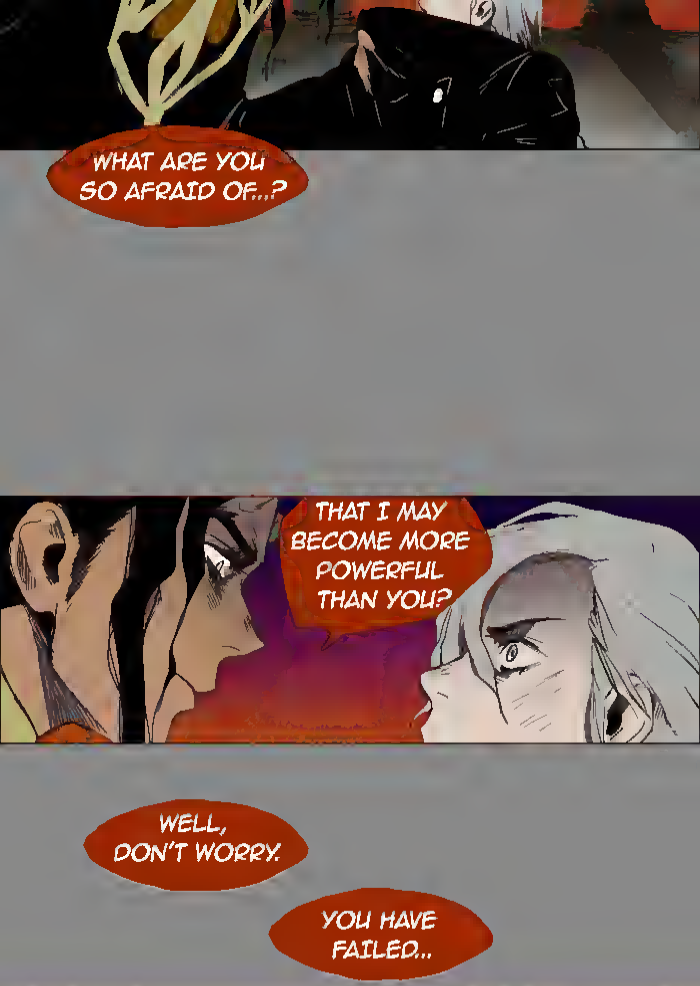
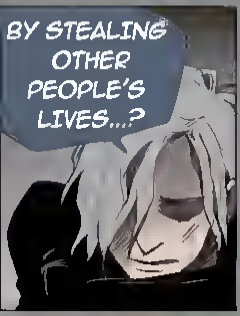
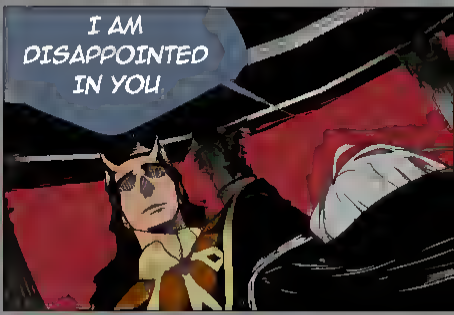
Fuzz
ARES...!
STOP THIS!!

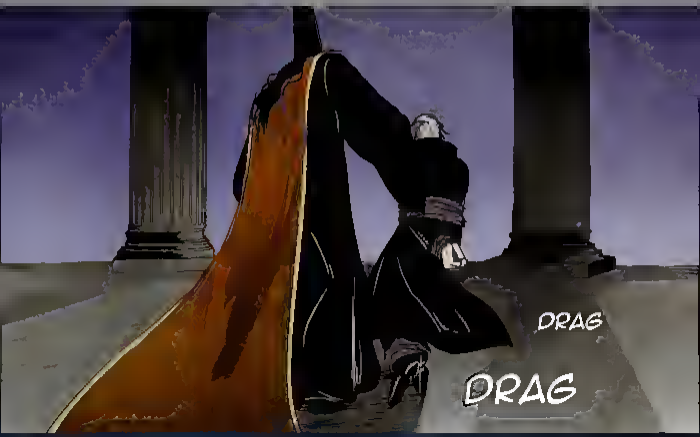

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO...?!
OH MY...
YOU WERE SO COLD TILL NOW...
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU TERRIFIED..
GRAB
YOU WERE SO COLD WHEN I DIED, WEREN'T YOU?


WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF...?
THAT I MAY BECOME MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU?
WELL, DON'T WORRY.
YOU HAVE FAILED...

BUT I WILL BUILD MY OWN KINGDOM HERE!

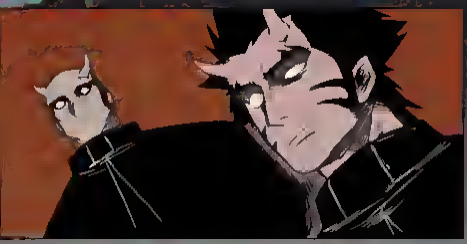

BY STEALING OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES...?

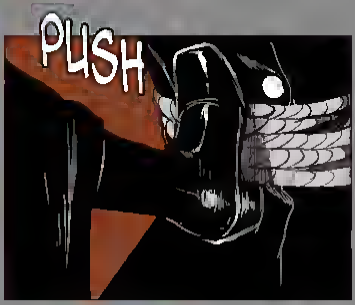

I AM DISAPPOINTED IN YOU


DRAG
DRAG

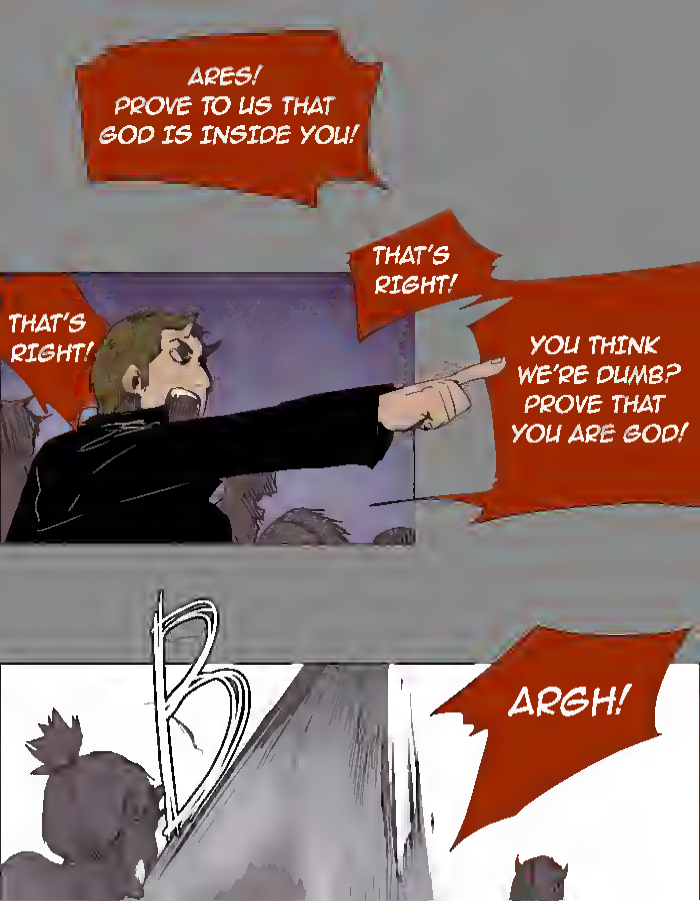
SPLASH
DISAPPOINTED?

WAS THERE A THING THAT YOU EXPECTED FROM ME TO BE DISAPPOINTED NOW?




PUSH

GOOD-BYE.


ARES!
PROVE TO US THAT
GOD IS INSIDE YOU!
THAT'S
RIGHT!
THAT'S
RIGHT!
YOU THINK
WE'RE DUMB?
PROVE THAT
YOU ARE GOD!
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ARGH!

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ANYBODY ELSE...
HAVE AN OBJECTION?
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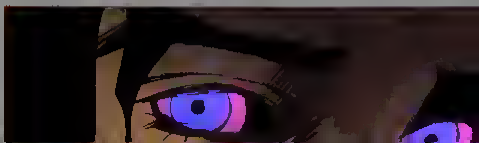
WELL, THEN...



CONGRATULATIONS ON BECOMING MY FOLLOWERS

WRITTEN/ART BY POGO

PRELUDE
-THE END-